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Romulus Head Start, MDE Preschoolers Take Their Parents on a Trip Around the World

By Lisa Kreutzer

On Thursday, March 31, 1995, the children, parents, and teachers of the Romulus Head Start and Michigan Department of Education preschool programs put together a wonderful "trip around the world."

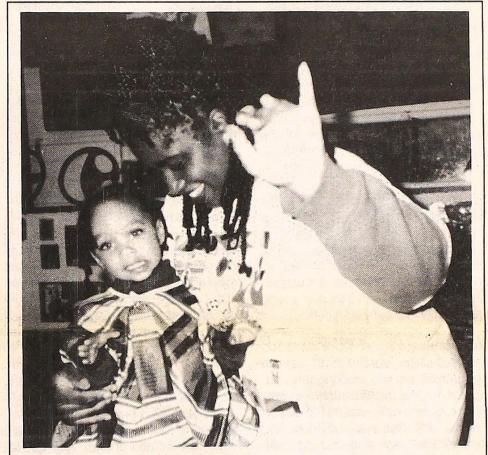
Each classroom represented a different state, country, or continent. The children had a big role in decorating the individual rooms, which were delightfully trimmed. They also took part in preparing the traditional foods (such as Irish stew; Australian sultana loaf; Israeli potato latkes; African fruit salad; Chinese dessert wontons; and a wonderful fruit punch from Hawaii, just to name a few) that were offered to tempt our taste buds. For our visual pleasure, there were paintings and flags in "France," a piñata in "Mexico," shamrocks in "Ireland," and a hula dancer in "Hawaii."

The evening was educational as well as entertaining. Here are some of the interesting facts presented during the "trip around the world."

- The Eiffel Tower, in Paris, was built for the World's Fair of 1889. It stands 984 feet tall. At the time it was built, it was the tallest man-made structure on Earth.
- The first bicycle was built by a Frenchman, Comte de Sirvac, in 1791.
- Mexico's domain once included all of Texas, California, Nevada, Utah,

Arizona, New Mexico, and parts of Colorado.

- At the time of the Spanish conquest, Mexico was home to over 700 tribal groups speaking over 100 different languages.
- Africa is called "the cradle of civilization" because early humans had their beginnings there.
- Ancient Africa had great kingdoms, rich cultures, and wonderful universities long before France, England, Germany, or the United States.
- The Blarney Stone in Ireland is said to give great powers of persuasion to anyone who kisses it. It's located near Blarney Castle at County Cork.
- Before 1949, the Irish Republic was known by the name of "Eire."
- On May 1 in Hawaii, children and adults wear colorful leis (garlands of flowers) draped over their shoulders.
 Leis express the "aloha spirit" of Hawaii, which is a spirit of friendship and love.
- Many people in Israel live on a Kibbutz, which is a settlement where members own or lease land together and work the land. The people receive services, housing, food, and medical care instead of wages.
- Hanukkah is the Jewish festival of light, held in remembrance of a battle won by the Hebrews in 165 B.C. against the Syrians who had taken control of Jerusalem.



Brieanna Boyd poses with mother Lisa Boyd, proudly modeling her African costume. (photos: Lisa Kreutzer)

- Australia was discovered in 1606 and settled by Europeans in 1788. English is the spoken language.
- Australia is Earth's smallest continent and largest island.

General information about each locale's geography, famous people, holidays, and culture was also provided.

Congratulations to all who put their time and effort into this project. □



In "Mexico," classroom instructor "Miss Linda" (right) was aided by parent Jeweley Peters and DJ Benito Garza Jr.



Each stop along the "trip around the world" featured attractive displays of "native" food and artwork.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Romulus Mom Sings Praises of Her Children

To the Editor:

I would deeply appreciate it if you could print the following letter from me to my children. Like many other families, we've had it hard at times, but I want my children to know that we are richin many other, more important ways, and that I love them very much.

To my darling children: Heather Nicole Heughens, Sarah Ashley Berger, and Eric John Berger Jr.

Heather, I was reflecting this day, as I do many days, about how blessed and fortunate I am to have such an intelligent, sweet, and beautiful young lady for my very own daughter.

Your consistent academic achievement and numerous school awards and certificates (like your Bronze Medal and Presidential Award for meeting outstanding excellence in educational performance, signed by President Bill Clinton and the U.S. Secretary of Education, Mr. Dick Riley; and also your induction into the National Honor Society), your "sunshine" personality, and your genuine concern and consideration for others makes you all the more endearing to me, honey.

You and I, we had it hard at times. We were like the song, "You and Me Against the World," and another song that comes to mind and that we used to sing a lot, "You Are My Sunshine" – but now we have things a little easier and, more important than money, we have



Sarah Ashley Berger



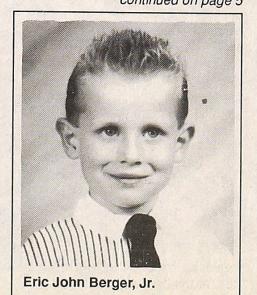
Heather Nicole Heughens

honesty and love. I hope that you can always continue to feel comfortable in knowing that you can trust me and confide in me about *anything*.

You have unwavering strength and the ability to withstand peer pressure and be your own individual person. I pray that you continue to carry these strong, wonderful traits with you through your adolescence and into adulthood.

At bedtime, I pray and ask God to give me wisdom like King Solomon to raise my kids and answer your questions wisely. So far, he has; from what I can see in my children, I'm doing O.K.

I know that I have made some mistakes in my life – mistakes that I regret – but there are three things that I know I did right: having you and little Sarah and Eric Jr., whom I also admire, adore, and cherish. Sarah, I love your big, soft heart; your laughter; the cute little space between your two front teeth; the "farout" things that you say; and your fierce continued on page 5







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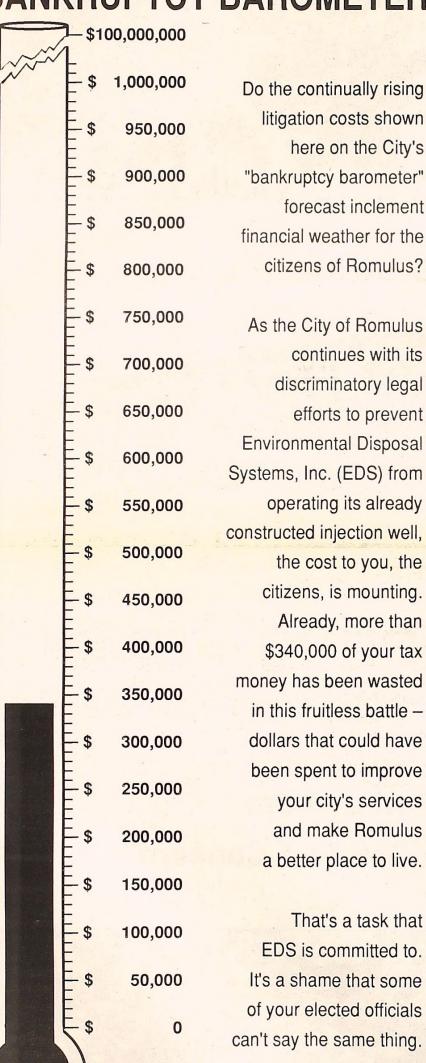
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BANKRUPTCY BAROMETER



Lansing Update

For the Week of April 10, 1995

By State Representative Greg Pitoniak State's Underground Storage Tank Fund Is Broke

Michigan's fund to help clean up toxic spills from underground storage tanks (USTs) has been depleted, according to State officials. This is the second time in three years that the fund has gone broke, and its managers and State lawmakers say that the program should be remodeled before getting more money.

The Michigan Underground Storage Tank Financial Assurance fund (MUSTFA) was created in 1988 as a mechanism for State UST owners to meet Federal financial assurance requirements. This program helped storage-tank owners clean their property and also to clean sites where the owner could not be located. It requires tank owners to pay 10% of the cost, up to \$15,000.

But the program, funded by a seveneighths-of-a-cent tax on gas products, has been strapped for cash since its start. The DNR has decided that the fund is insolvent and has resolved to close the fund in 90 days.

Democrats Introduce "Three Strikes, You're Out"

House Democratic lawmakers have announced the introduction of "Three Strikes, You're Out" legislation. The package of three bills (HB 4702–04) would impose a mandatory life sentence on a criminal who is found guilty of an assaultive crime three times. Additionally, the package would amend Michigan's "lifer-law" to render most life sentences "nonparolable" and to incorporate repeated "major controlled substance" offenses into the "three strikes" law.

With crime ranking at the top of issues that are of concern to Michigan residents, Democrats hope that the measures will move quickly through the House.

House Changes Weapon Expulsion Law

The House has voted to change Michigan's new law which automatically expels students who bring weapons to school. Representatives voted 90–14 (HB 4542) to allow local school officials to decide penalties on a caseby-case basis, softening the law's mandate that students be expelled for either half of a school year or an entire school year.

The new version also would permit schools to reinstate youngsters expelled under the weapons law since it took effect on January 1.

PAID NOTICE



Representative Greg Pitoniak

State Ordered To Upgrade Conditions In Women's Prisons

The U.S. Justice Department reports that women convicts in Michigan prisons are raped, deprived of good medical care, and housed in unclean conditions. The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division leveled the charges in a searing 12-page letter and threatened to sue the State unless the Michigan Department of Corrections corrects the problems. The State denies these allegations.

The letter follows a 10-month investigation stemming from complaints from women prisoners and prison advocates at the Scott Correctional Facility in Plymouth and the Florence Crane Correctional Facility in Coldwater.

10th Annual Free Fishing Weekend Is June 10–11

June 10–11, 1995, marks Michigan's tenth annual Free Fishing Weekend. During June 10–11, no fishing license or trout/salmon stamp will be required to fish in State waters. This applies to Michigan residents and non-residents alike. All other fishing regulations still apply.

Free Fishing Weekend offers an important opportunity for thousands of new anglers to get "hooked" on fishing. Free Fishing Weekend is also a celebration of the fact that Michigan has some of the finest freshwater fishing in the world, with over 11,000 inland lakes, 36,350 miles of rivers and streams, and 3,000 miles of Great Lakes Shoreline.



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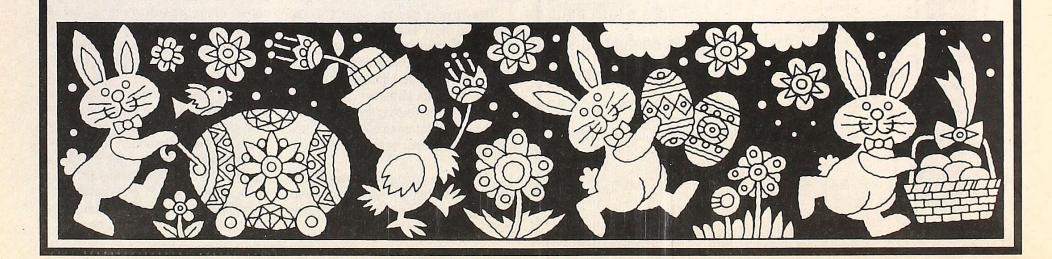
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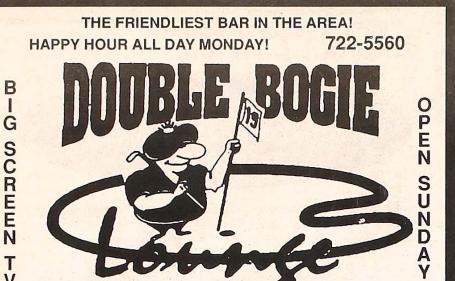
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Cory Elementary Students Earn "Honor Roll" Recognition

Congratulations to the following Cory Elementary School students for making the honor roll during the third marking period of the 1994-1995 school year. (Note: A single asterisk denotes those students who made the principal's honor roll; a double asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

Mr. Blackburn's Class

*Aaron Brown, *Tracie Finley, *Amber Frazzitta, Catrina Green, Ryan Henne, *Jamie Hool, *Amy Hudson, *Melissa Izobo, Yohanaus King, Makenzie Logan, *Marla Manier, and John McCullough.

Ms. English's Class

*Heather Clark, Maranda Cushman, *Kelly Hardway, Jamie Henne, Amanda Izobo, *Alex Macfarlane, *Heather Patrick, Andrew Rodger, *Ta-Kara Roquemore, *Cassie Wilson, and Correy Yarborough.

Ms. Gilkey's Class

Lester Bell, Brittany Bingham, *Elizabeth Caburet, Roger Chapman, *Adam Gibbons, *Michelle Gonzalez, Heather Hislop, *Jasmine Mark, *Chris Moore, and Deon Solomon.

Ms. Green's Class

Antoine Bailey, Eric Brooks, *Nikki Carr, Xavier Clemons, Rochelle Davis, *Dayna Dawson, Leah Lazenby, Michael Madison, Steven Moore, Tasha Mullins, and Rubens Paillere.

Ms. Morgan's Class

Brandolyn Bates, *Taritonye Burutolu, Keyrion Campbell, *Brenda Finley, *Della Hamby, Marcia Manier, *Felicia Modrzynski, Latoya Starr, Bethany Swauger, and *Shannon Winkles.

Ms. Pluff's Class

Rashad Bingham, *Brandon Bostain, **Sarah Branham, *Theresa Chadwick, Jessica Deverich, *Tia Flemings, Alicia Harbor, **Sabrina Hool, Brian Johnson, *Marlon Manier, Spencer Miller, Cynthia Pasek, Jamie Ross, Sarah Schatilo, Karron Smith, Ronald Smith, **Ryan Tackett, Shekiyah Taylor, Gabriel Todd, Jeffery Warren, Mark Wheeler, and *Kiera Wilson.

Ms. Price's Class

*Joshua Brown, Stacey Clarke, **Carissa Drobil, Randall Frye, Jenna Gonzalez, Stephanie Jones, Nicole Liendo, and Marvin Wheeler.

Ms. Washington's Class

Jennifer Andrews, *Alexis Brown, Marcus Eatmon, *Larry Harris, Kenyon Healey, *Chris Higgins, *Mychal Hill, *Tracy Hojara, *Keith Hubbard, Gary Johnson, Ryan Martell, Corrin Michaux, Stephanie Monat, James Pruitt, Jawane Simmons, *Ashley Slone, *Chris Talley,

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determination. And Eric, I love you for your big, soft heart; the fictional hero characters that you like to imitate when you're playing; those big, beautiful blue eyes you have; your absolute cuteness; and the "far-out" things that you say,

I want to tell this to you, my children: Like and love yourself. Keep your standards and morals in line, and your priorities straight. Set goals, keep them in focus, and actively set about reaching them. The only time you fail is when you do not try your best to give your best

effort; otherwise, you're a winner. Forgive yourself and others for mistakes. Life is too short to hold grudges all the time. And last of all, don't forget to thank God for waking up to a new day. Do all this, and I'll know that you will make it in this world.

I am asking that my letter to all of you be made public because I am so very proud of you children and everything that you are:

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Community Calendar

- Fish Dinner Raises Funds for St. Paul's St. Paul's Evangelical Church (corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is sponsoring a fish-dinner fund-raiser from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 14. The menu will feature deep-fried fish and French-fried potatoes/baked fish and scalloped potatoes, plus all-you-can-eat cole slaw, rolls, macaroni and jello salads, dessert, and beverages. Carry-out available. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids age five to 11.
- Parenting Group Social worker Mary A. Wright, MS/CSW, of the Family & Neighborhood Services West Office, will be conducting classes in Systematic Training for Effective Parenting at the Dorsey Center (32715 Dorsey, Westland) each Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. beginning April 17. Cost is \$2 per session. Coffee provided; no day-care available. To register, call 326-4262 or 782-9800.
- Amity Baptist Church Prayer Breakfast The Amity Baptist Church Women's Day Committee has invited the entire community to come and share fellowship at its annual Prayer Breakfast, to be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, at the Church (27075 Carlysle, Inkster). This year's theme: "Let us build our church in society by accepting the challenge and changing wisely." For more information, please call 278-4430.
- "Curtains Up" The Seaway Chorale and Orchestra with Voices of the Young and Youth Sings presents its Spring Concert, "Curtains Up," at the Trenton High School auditorium at 8 p.m. on April 28 and April 29. Tickets: \$10 for adults; \$7 for students/senior citizens. For more information, call 676-2400.
- VFW Bingo Fund-raiser The Ladies Auxiliary of the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #9568 are having a 25¢ Bingo on Sunday, April 30, from 12 to 4 p.m. at the VFW Hall (34270 Huron River Drive). Proceeds will be used for charity.
- Arthritis Self-help Course An American Arthritis Foundation arthritis self-help course will be offered in the conference room at Oakwood Hospital Seaway Center Trenton from 3 to 5 p.m. each Thursday from May 4 to June 8. The course will cover basic information about arthritis, strategies for decreasing pain, relaxation techniques, exercises, facts about arthritis medications and their effects, good nutritional habits, methods of heat and cold applications, and problem-solving techniques. Course fee is \$20 for participants and \$5 for significant others (without book). Preregistration is required. Call the American Arthritis Foundation at (810) 350-3030.
- A Chorus Line The Huron Civic Theatre will present A Chorus Line, the longest-running musical on Broadway, at the Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) from May 5–7 and May 12–14. Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults; \$8 for senior citizens/students. Call 782-5380 or 654-0167 for more information.
- Head Start/MDE Preschool Programs Seek Students The Romulus Head Start and Michigan Department of Education preschool programs are recruiting eligible three- and four-year-olds for September 1995. These free preschool programs, held at Beverly School, serve children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For information, call 728-7815.
- St. Aloysius Registration St. Aloysius Catholic School which
 offers a full curriculum for grades kindergarten through eight, taught
 by Michigan-certified instructors will be having its "new family"
 registration for the 1995–1996 school year. For more information, or
 to set up an appointment, please call 941-3340.

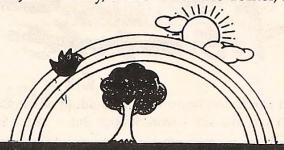
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Recreation News

Many thanks to Brian Hitsky, director of the Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers and Gayle Mach, Department staff members, for contributing information to this issue's "Recreation News" column.

For more information about these or other Recreation programs, please stop in at the Recreation office (36515 Bibbins) or call 942-6852.

Easter Egg-citement!

The Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt for Romulus youth ages two to nine will be held at 11 a.m. sharp on Saturday, April 15, at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga Road). Separate egg-hunt areas will be established for each age group (ages two to three, ages four to five, ages six to seven, and ages eight to nine). Youngsters should be provided with their own egg-gathering basket or bag.

No registration is required to participate in this free event, which features Easter-basket prizes and lots of candy-filled eggs, plus an appearance by a magician (10:30 a.m.) and the Easter Bunny himself.

Kids' Theater

On Thursday, April 20, the Recreation Department will be taking interested youngsters to see a live performance of *Heidi*, the classic Swiss tale of a kind, loving little girl who brightened many lives. (Bus leaves the Recreation Build-

ing at 1:15 p.m. and returns at approximately 4:30 p.m.) A \$7-per-child charge covers a ticket to the show and transportation to Northville's Marquis Theatre. Advance registration is required; call the Recreation Office for details.

An Afternoon of Fun

Kids eight to 13 can join their friends for an afternoon of fun at the Romulus Recreation Center on Friday, April 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. Planned activities include playing pool, ping-pong, cards, and board games, as well as watching a movie and working on arts-and-crafts projects. Cost is \$1 per child; preregister by April 19.

Last Call for Softball

Monday, April 24, is the last day that men's and women's teams can register for the Recreation Department's adult softball program, which begins play in May. Space for a total of 12 teams remains (five spots in the Monday/ Wednesday Evening Women's League, six in the Friday Evening "A" Division Men's League, and one in the Friday Evening "B" Division Men's League). The Women's League plays an 18-game schedule: Friday teams take part in a total of 14 contests. All games will be held at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga Road), which features two lighted softball diamonds. The team fee for participating in the Friday Leagues is \$500. Women's teams will pay \$400.

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION, MARCH 22, 1995

The Executive Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, March 22, 1995 was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by President Sandra F. Langley.

Roll call showed all Members present. Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and Mr. Thomas Schwarze, Attorney, were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sandra F. Langley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/95/7 Moved by Kesner supported by Gondek to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Motion to go into Executive Session/Negotiations

3/95/8 Moved by Kesner supported by Oleszkowicz to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:06 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/95/9 Moved by Berlinn supported by Kesner that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary Romulus Board of Education For more information, call Keith at the Recreation Office.

Youth Softball

Summer Youth Softball teams are now forming for both boys and girls ages seven to 14. Teams will be formed in early July; games (to be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Elmer Johnson Park) will run through August. Afee of \$20-per-child (\$10 each for additional family members) includes a shirt and hat for each player.

Drop-in Hoops

For Kids ...

Thanks to a program sponsored by the Recreation Department, Romulus Middle School and High School youngsters can drop in to show their stuff at the Merriman School gym's basketball court every Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Middle School students) or from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (High School students). This program is open only to Romulus students with valid school identification cards. Cost is \$1 per session.

... And Adults

Adults wishing to participate in open basketball can play every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Romulus Middle School. Cost is \$2 per session.

Golf Lessons

Openings remain for children and adults interested in beginning or intermediate golf lessons, which will begin the first week of May. Students can choose between Tuesday and Wednesday lessons; the 45-minute classes (limited to groups of five students each) will be given at Par Driving Range (31825 Ecorse Road) beginning at 7 p.m. Ample golf balls for practice are provided. Total cost for the five-week program is \$45 per student; preregistration (through the Romulus Recreation Office) is required.

Women's Golf League

A few openings remain in the Recreation Department's Women's Golf League, which will play on Monday evenings at Tall Oaks beginning May 1. To signup as a substitute or full-time player, contact Cindy Bennett (941-8505) or Carole Bales (941-3214).

Walk Michigan

Romulus children and adults who join the Recreation Center's 1995 Walk Michigan program will not only be improving their health and fitness, but will also be giving themselves an opportunity to win a Labor Day Weekend trip for

two to Mackinac Island! (Must participate in a minimum of four walks to be eligible for trip.) This free, noncompetitive program will kick off with a walk at Romulus Senior Park on May 8 (6 p.m.); other scheduled walks at the Park include May 23 (6 p.m.), June 7 (11:30 a.m.), June 21 (11:30 a.m.), and July 25 (6 p.m.).

Orchestra Forming

All Romulus musicians are welcome to participate in the now-forming Romulus Community Orchestra, which plans to perform concerts, assist students in the appreciation of music, and add to the cultural climate of Romulus. Rehearsals will be held in the Romulus High School auditorium at 7 p.m. every Wednesday beginning April 26. Formore information, call the Recreation Office or Edward Kesner (942-9095).

Park Reservations

The Romulus Recreation Department has begun accepting park reservations for the 1995 spring and summer season. Reservations for the City's seven parks (Elmer Johnson, Park #1, Kennedy, the Senior Park, the Historic Park, Cypress, Fernandez, and Merriman) may be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Park #1, located at Beverly and Henry Ruff roads, offers a softball field, tennis courts, a basketball court, children's play equipment, and picnic tables. The facilities at Elmer Johnson, located on Ozga Road, include a picnic shelter, picnic tables, lighted softball fields, a basketball court, tennis courts, horseshoe and shuffleboard areas, and children's play equipment. Pavilion rental at Elmer Johnson is \$50 for a commercial activity or \$35 for a noncommercial event. There are also fees for the rental of softball fields and/or various play equipment.

Gift Certificates

Want an unusual gift of value for someone special? Gift certificates of \$5 or more are available for any Romulus Recreation or Senior Citizen program, and make great surprises. Certificates may be purchased at the Romulus Recreation Department.

Call the Hotline!

Since the Recreation Department also schedules special activities as well as regular programs, it's a good idea to check the Recreation Department's 24-hour Hotline for a recorded message on current offerings. Call 941-6040.

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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 27, 1995

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 27, 1995 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Sandra F. Langley.

Roll call showed all Members present. Administrators LeCesne, Carr and McPharlin were present. Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sandra F. Langley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/95/10 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Kesner to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of March 13, 1995 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Members of the audience discussed the following items of concern and/or interest with the Board of Education: 1) Consider teachers evaluating administrators; 2) Administrators to go into the classrooms and teach periodically; 3) Teacher retirement incentive; 4) The Music Festival's results were reported; 5) Parent requesting permission to allow her daughter to remain in school pending court petition; 6) Aparent from the Athletic Booster Club asked about a lighted marquee in front of the High School. Mr. Patterson stated that a \$6,500 sign with the dates of athletic events would be a good idea. Administration will bring prices back to the Board of Education, and 7) Mr. Berlinn alluded to a letter that he received from Downriver Mutual Aid pertaining to plans for creating an academy at Sawyer Air Force Base.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

3/95/12 Moved by Kesner supported by Hoffman that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's written notice to Harold Connon that his 1994–96 individual employment contract will not be extended an additional one (1) year and that he will not be issued a new 1995-97 individual employment contract. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

3/95/13 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MAISL - Workers' Compensation Fund

Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, discussed the MAISL Worker's Compensation Fund with the Board of Education and responded to

Discussion of High School Calendar

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that the High School calendar cost \$10,498 last year and wished to discuss the feasibility of producing one for the 1995-96 school year. Mr. Pat Patterson suggested that Mr. Carr let bids and award

Barth Elementary - Proposed Trip to Cedar Point on June 2, 1995

3/95/14 Moved by Gondek supported by Hoffman to approve the proposed trip to Cedar Point by the Barth Elementary School Honor Roll students who passed the MEAP, Safety Patrol and Student Council members. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, discussed the mandate imposed for the 1995-96 school year as it relates to hours of instruction for kindergarten students. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, advised the Board as to what some of the other districts are planning. To be referred to the Policy Committee and recommendation brought to the Board.

The following Items of Interest were presented to the Board of Education for their perusal: 1) Class of 1970 Request; 2) WCRESA Legislative Update; 3) "Thank You" - Tom Chen, and 4) Halecreek Herald.

Gail Coleman has announced her retirement as head volleyball coach after thirteen (13) years. The team achieved their first District Championship in Romulus in 1995.

3/95/15 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to write a letter of commendation to Gail Coleman. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Howard J. Kesner made the following motion and read the ensuing statement to the Board of Education, requesting a roll call vote:

"In the year 1990, the Romulus Board of Education made a 'contract' with the public. We told the people that if they would pass a \$45 Million bond issue, we would renovate all of our schools and bring in technology that would enable us to create the 'School District of the 21st Century'. We had a commitment from Dr. Bedell that we would dramatically increase our MEAP scores through the use of this technology. It was also during this period of time that the District developed our 'Five Year Plan', though it has not been adhered to faithfully, in my

"Thus, it is my personal opinion that we have not fulfilled the terms of the 'contract', nor has the performance been up to my expectations. Furthermore, I feel that there is less than total commitment to this end and, though the Board is now taking steps to correct this, I am not satisfied with the Administrative leadership that has been shown. It is for these reasons that I move to stop the roll of the Superintendent's contract and ask the Chair for a roll call vote." Supported by Hoffman. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 2 (Kesner and Hoffman). Nays: 5 (Patterson, Oleszkowicz, Berlinn, Gondek, and Langley). Motion failed.

Mrs. Judie Gondek stated that on May 3, 1995, Romulus High School will host a public forum of the School Code. Mrs. Langley encouraged the audience to attend.

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent, explained some of the events that have occurred in Lansing.

Executive Session

3/95/17 Moved by Kesner supported by Oleszkowicz to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:42 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:27 P.M.

Lay Off of Probationary Teachers

3/95/18 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the teachers listed be laid off for the 1995–96 school year and that their teaching contract not be renewed after June 16, 1995. It is further resolved that the records show that the reasons for this action is as follows: the district is reducing its teaching staff due to a declining enrollment. Until more is known about the status of revenue, it is imperative that the district develop flexibility concerning its staff ratios. Be it further resolved that the Board of Education direct the Secretary of the Board to send a letter to Mr. Charles Usztics and Mr. James H. Woods officially notifying them that their teaching contract will not be renewed at the end of the 1994-95 school year, and that they will be laid off as teachers in the Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/95/19 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Kesner that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary

Romulus Board of Education

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COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 11160 Olive St. / 941-3474 / Brad Lewis, Pastor / 941-0736 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

FAITH HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - Oakbrooke Villa Club House / 30251 Elm Street (1 Block South of Eureka) / Rev. Earl W. Ellison, Sr., Pastor / 941-4855 or 721-8489 / Sunday School - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Moming Worship - 11:30 a.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD – 870 Savage Rd. / Belleville / 699-6700 / Kenneth W. Miller, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. – Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m. / Wednesday Family Night – 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 11412 Delano St. / 941-0225

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - 19101 Inkster Rd. / Brownstown / 782-1220 / Sunday Morning Worship - 10 a.m. / Adult Bible Study and Sunday School - 11:30 a.m. / Nursery available / Active Drama Team

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MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH - 35565 Beverly Rd. / 729-2460 / James Thompson, Pastor / 531-1285 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Moming Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

NEW FAITH CHAPEL - 19498 Middlebelt Rd. / 783-1490 / Curt Swick, Pastor / 381-5630 / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

PARKS MEMORIAL A.M.E. – 11547 Grover St. / 941-0771 / Rev. Jeffery Baker, Pastor /Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study –6 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 35625 Vinewood St. / 728-1390 / Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Pastor / 548-5954 / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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SAINT CITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST – 7335 Washington / 595-0629 / Pastor: Elder James Lee Whitehead / Sunday School – 9:30 p.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 10:45 a.m. /Sunday Evening Worship – 7 p.m. / Sunday Evening Radio Broadcast on WMUZ-FM 103.5 at 7:30 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Bible Study & Youth Night – 7 p.m. / Choir Rehearsal –Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. / Friday Evening Family Night – 7 p.m.

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

Please note: Call 942-6852 for more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center (36515 Bibbins).

Happy Birthday

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in April: Pauline Bragenzer, Myra Brower, Mary Castow, Clara Drogs, Helen George, Barbara Gillingham, Jane Kobylski, Sally Mulka, Helen Skelton, and Stella Wiska.

Bowling Results

The end of the Romulus Senior Citizens Bowling League season found the following men and women taking top honors in these categories.

First-place Team
 Ethel Lovette, Beatrice Scott, Calvin Snyder, and Garold Hoffer.

Women's High Game
Irene Tryon (first place: 209), Ruth
Skupny (second place: 207), and
Myrtle Much (third place: 202).

Men's High Game
Art Nabozny (first place: 256 twice),
Ray Massicotte (second place, 229),
and Earl Michling (third place: 222).

Women's High Series
Johnnie Hamilton (first place: 538),
Mary Dolencic (second place: 528),
and Shirley Callahan and Betty
Michling (tie for third place: 519).

Men's High Series
Gerold Hoffer (first place: 608), Paul
Dorman (second place: 588), and
Dennis Hackett (third place: 585).

 Women's Most Improved Bowler Bettye Martin (+14 pins)

Men's Most Improved Bowler
Gerold Hoffer and Ralph Much (+14 pins).

Congratulations to all.

"Egg Beaters" Breakfast

For just \$1, Romulus seniors can come to the Center at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, to enjoy a down-home breakfast of Egg Beaters, biscuits with sausage gravy, hash browns, mixed fruit cup, and various beverages. Preregistration (by Monday, April 17) is required.

Lunch Out

On Wednesday, April 19, the Center's van will be travelling to Allen Park for the delicious Italian cuisine served at Tullio's. Sign up at the Center.

Lunch/Movie

An afternoon excursion for lunch and a movie is planned for Friday, April 28. Watch for details at the Center.

Shopping Trip

For a transportation fee of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at the Belleville Meijer store on Friday, April 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer at 942-6852.

- Amish Flea Market A stop for lunch at Das Dutchman Essenhauf for a real Amish family-style meal is planned when Romulus seniors take a day-trip to Shipshewana, Indiana, to visit an Amish flea market. The tour bus will depart at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, and return at approximately 8 p.m.
- Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel -Spend three days/two nights at the beautiful, historic Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island! The \$305 cost of the trip (based on double occupancy), which departs October 24, covers round-trip motorcoach transportation; a round-trip ticket for the ferry; a carriage tour ride; a visit to Fort Mackinac State Park with a special guide and program; golf, croquet, and boccie ball tournaments; and special events like dancing, movies, a banquet, early-bird walks, bingo, card socials, historic slide presentations, a sing-a-long, and much more! This trip fills up fast, so sign up soon to reserve your space for an opportunity to enjoy Michigan's jewel - Mackinac Island.

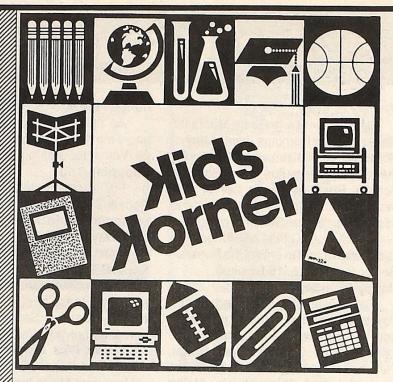
Weekly Programs

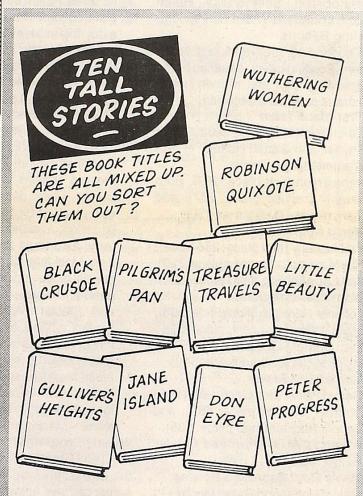
The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

Hot Lunch

For only \$1.50, Romulus senior citizens (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation.

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A symbol

The Christians adopted the egg as their symbol of new life as well. In the early days of the church, eggs were forbidden food during Lent—the period before Easter.

But when Lent ended, people were glad to eat eggs again and made it a tradition to eat them on Easter Sunday. They also gave eggs to their children.

The hare or rabbit was also part of the celebration of spring long before Christianity.

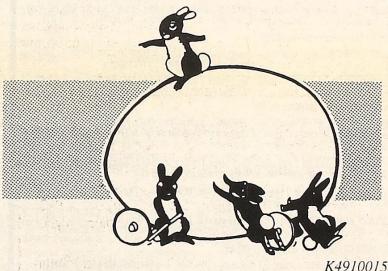
The moon

In ancient Egypt, the hare was thought to have some connection with the moon, since this small animal comes out to eat only at night

Since the moon also symbolized the beginning of a new life, so did the hare and the rabbit.

The wearing of new clothes on Easter Sunday is also the symbol of a new beginning. It is the casting off of old clothes and the wearing of new ones.

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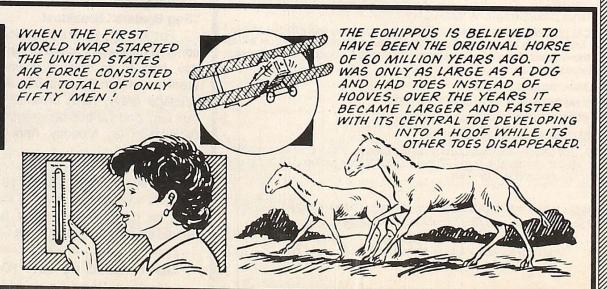


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"Commemorative Brick" Sales Drive Renewed for Memorial



The Romulus Veterans Memorial, located at Wayne and Goddard Roads near City Hall.

The drive for Romulus Veterans Memorial "commemorative brick" sales has been renewed, according to Romulus Rotarian Bill Crane, one of several community organization members who helped get the project off the ground. Dedicated in a special ceremony held on July 4, 1992, the Memorial was established to honor Americans who

served their country in any of the armed forces branches.

Crane urges anyone who would like to purchase a brick in honor of a friend or loved one to do so right away, while the original donation amounts are still in effect, because increasing costs will soon force brick prices to go up, too. (See the form below.)

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DONATIONS: The donation for a 4x8" brick is \$50 and the donation for an 8x8" brick is \$100. Place your order soon! Prices will increase in the near future. Send your information along with your donation to: Veterans' Memorial, City of Romulus Treasurer's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. Please make checks payable to Romulus Veterans' Memorial.

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Newlyweds

Timothy and Kathleen (Adams) Stewart

Recently married were Timothy Stewart of Taylor and Kathleen Adams of Romulus. The couple exchanged their vows in a ceremony at Grace Free Will Baptist Church (Taylor, MI) on Saturday, February 18, 1995.

Standing up with Timothy were his best man, Chris Stewart, and groomsmen Dan Adams, Jim Brown, and Mike Mansfield. Attending Kathleen were maid of honor Dee Sparks and bridesmaids Amy Adams, Marci Hanson, Mary Huff, Raelynn Huff, and Kim Touroo. Sandy Huff was the flower girl.

Timothy is the son of Timothy Stewart (Canton, MI) and Ginger MacBrien (Taylor, MI). Kathleen is the daughter of



Richard and Sandra Adams (Romulus, MI). □

Obituaries

Reba Nell Fry

Reba Nell Fry of Calvert City, Kentucky, died on Monday, March 27, 1995, at the age of 64. A homemaker, Reba was born the daughter of John William and Alice Dee (White) Horton in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 1, 1930.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence W. Fry; sons John W. (Wayne, MI) and Alvin W. Fry (Calvert City, KY); brother William A. Horton (Nashville, TN); sister Mrs. Bernice Lanier (Romulus, MI); and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 31, at Crane Funeral Home, with the Reverend Bradford Lewis officiating. Burial was at the Romulus Cemetery.

Vicki Lynn Remelius

Vicki Lynn Remelius of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, March 17, 1995. She was 43 years old. A medical assistant employed in a health-care clinic, Vicki was born the daughter of Donald and Marie (Sobolewski) Akans in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on March 14,

She is survived by her husband, Rick Remelius; sons Richard and Joshua Remelius (Romulus, MI); daughter Mrs. Dennis (Corina) Dobrick; brother Donald Akans (Romulus, MI); sisters Mrs. Michael (Tammy) Doherty (Holly, MI) and Ms. Tracy Barnett (Dearborn Heights, MI); and grandchildren Richard and Alycia.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 20, at Crane Funeral Home, with the Reverend Bradford Lewis officiating. Burial was at the Romulus Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Cancer Society. □

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